



Memorandum

To: Members of Planning Board

From: Linda Brooks, Director, Windham Parks and Recreation

Date: June 11, 2018

Re: Sabattus Lane Subdivision

Amanda Lessard had previously shared the plans with me for a proposed subdivision on Sabattus Lane, adjacent to Dundee Park. I understand that the Planning Board is considering the potential for Town use of the subdivision's open space, particularly given its proximity to Dundee Park. As I indicated in an earlier memorandum to the Planning Board, I do believe that this open space could be a valuable asset to the Town in providing additional recreational opportunities to the public. However, I do want to reiterate that this would be most suitable for passive recreational activities as well as possible trail development.

During the season that Dundee Park is open, our Day Camp programs utilize Dundee Park for a number of camp activities, and this additional open space could increase programming opportunities. Additionally, there are a number of local groups, both private and public, as well as area Parks and Recreation departments who utilize the park for group outings. Having the ability to incorporate a hike or group activities in an open area away from beach-goers would certainly enhance what our facility offers. I would anticipate that we will need to incorporate the field into our mowing schedule, but should be able to do so with the lawn tractors that are owned by the department. Since the field would not be utilized for organized sporting activities at any time, the mowing schedule would not be overly taxing. I look forward to the possibilities with this additional open space if the proposed plan is accepted.